

What is claimed is:

1. A system to support trading of intellectual property (IP), comprising:
a user interface to accept a request to trade an IP asset; and
a database coupled to the user interface to store data associated with one or more
5 IP assets, the database supporting the trading of the IP asset.
2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a trade IP user interface to accept a
request to trade an IP asset.
3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a buy IP user interface to accept a
request to buy an IP asset.
- 10 4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a sell IP user interface to accept a
request to sell an IP asset.
5. The system of claim 1, further comprising a register IP user interface to accept
a request to register an IP asset.
6. The system of claim 1, further comprising an appraise IP user interface to
15 accept a request to appraise an IP asset.
7. The system of claim 1, further comprising an escrow IP user interface to
accept a request to place an IP into escrow service.
8. The system of claim 1, further comprising an IP chat-room.
9. The system of claim 1, further comprising a network adapted to electronically
20 link IP specialists to provide value added services to the patent application.
10. The system of claim 9, wherein the system matches IP specialists and
inventors on request.
11. The system of claim 1, further comprising a network adapted to electronically
link IP attorneys to provide value added services to the patent application.
- 25 12. The system of claim 1, further comprising a network adapted to electronically
link IP marketers to facilitate IP trading.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein the IP marketers are paid on a commission
basis.
14. The system of claim 1, further comprising a network adapted to electronically
30 link support staff including a drafter to provide value added services to the
patent application.

15. The system of claim 1, further comprising a patent drafting system to generate a patent application having a required sequence.
16. The system of claim 1, further comprising an online platform for selling and buying patentable ideas or pending patent applications.
- 5 17. The system of claim 16, wherein parties can list and search for applications that are about to be abandoned.
18. The system of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet and wherein clients access the system using a browser.
- 10 19. The system of claim 18, further comprising a patent information management (PIM) system to display information for a user to manage the user's IP and to communicate with other users relating to the IP.
20. The system of claim 18, wherein the PIM provides information on pending activities relating to an IP asset and wherein the user can drill down to get additional information on the IP asset.

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